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SUBJ: RETURN TO U.S. OF DOMINIQUE ORSINI

REF: DAKAR 5474 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY. LAWYERS REPRESENTING ORSINI ARE BRINGING CHARGES AGAINST SENEGALESE OFFICIALS FOR THE HANDLING OF CASE. GOS INTERIOR MINISTER IS BACKING UP HIS SUBORDINATES FOR CARRYING OUT HIS DIRECT ORDERS. FRENCH DCM HERE STILL DISPLAYS PIQUE OVER ORSINI "KIDNAPPING" BUT SAYS "VICTIM" DESERVED IT. END SUMMARY.

2. INTERIOR MINISTER JEAN COLLIN HAS SENT LETTER TO SURETE DIRECTOR GENERAL IBRAHIMA WONE STATING THAT ORSINI'S LAWYERS HAVE BROUGHT UNSPECIFIED CHARGES AGAINST WONE AND OTHER POLICE AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR ROLE IN ORSINI CASE. HOWEVER, COLLIN LETTER (SHOWN CONFIDENTIALLY TO EMBOFF ON OCT. 22) ASSURED WONE THAT LATTER HAD ACTED IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO COLLIN'S PERSONAL ORDERS AND MINISTER TOOK FULL RESPONSIBILITY. LETTER ENDED BY CONGRATULATING WONE AND COLLEAGUES FOR JOB WELL DONE.

3. IN APPARENT REFERENCE TO THIS ACTION BY ORSINI'S LAWYERS, FRENCH DCM MORIZOT TOLD DCM OCT. 21 HE HAD
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HEARD THAT "FRENCH LAWYERS" WERE PREPARING TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST SENEGALESE AUTHORITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR HANDLING OF ORSINI CASE. MORIZOT SAID LAWYERS WOULD CHARGE THAT GOS OFFICIALS ACTED ILLEGALLY IN "DISOBEYING SENEGALESE COURT RULING THAT ORSINI SHOULD BE RELEASED".

4. MORIZOT, DISPLAYED SOME RESIDUAL PIQUE OVER ORSINI INCIDENT, SAYING HE PERSONALLY CONSIDERED PROCEDURE "NEITHER EXPULSION NOR EXTRADITION, BUT KIDNAPPING". MORIZOT ADDED, MOWEVER, THAT "KIDNAPPING" COULD HARDLY HAVE HAPPENED TO "VICTIM" MORE DESERVING.
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